Stability of ASEAN’s and China’s economy becomes crucial for world economy

President U Thein Sein attends opening ceremony of 10th CAEXPO and CABIS

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept—The opening ceremony of 10th CAEXPO and CABIS was held at Nanning International Convention & Exhibition Centre of Nanning of the People’s Republic of China this morning.

It was attended by President U Thein Sein, Chinese Premier Mr Li Keqiang, Cambodian Prime Minister Sandesh Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Thongsing Thammavong, Thai Prime Minister Mrs Yingluck Shinawatra, Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Deputy Prime Minister Mr Teo Chee Hean of Singapore, ministers from China and ASEAN, deputy ministers, high-ranking officers, ASEAN Secretary-General Mr Le Luong Minh and officials, entrepreneurs from China and ASEAN countries and international news agencies.

Secretary of CPC of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Committee Mr Peng Qinghua, Vice Minister of Commerce Mr Zhong Shan of China and Chairman of China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) Mr Wan Ji Fei extended greetings on the occasion.

After that, President U Thein Sein, the Cambodian Prime Minister, the Laotian Prime Minister, the Thai Prime Minister, the Vietnamese Prime Minister, the Singaporean Deputy Prime Minister and the ASEAN Secretary-General delivered speeches.

In his speech, President U Thein Sein said that this year is 10th anniversary of CAEXPO and CABIS. In addition, it is crucial year for promoting China-ASEAN strategic cooperation as this year coincides with the 10th founding anniversary of China-ASEAN strategic partnership.

It can be said that its motto is very synonymous with current situation. The Asian Region lies at the core (See page 8)

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein delivers an address at opening ceremony of China-ASEAN Expo in Nanning of China. MNA

President U Thein Sein concludes Nanning visit

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein left Liyuan Resort in a motorcade this afternoon and arrived at Nanning International Airport at 2.45 pm LST today.

The President and party were seen off at the airport by Vice-Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang People’s Congress of Communist Party of China Mr Qin Ruixiang and party, the Myanmar Ambassador to China and staff of the Consulate-General of Myanmar in Nanning.

MNA
Myanmar Judo team leaves for Japan to take joint training

**Yangon, 3 Sept**—To be able to secure victory in the SEA Games, under the Government to Government Programme being realized by Ministry of Sports, a Myanmar Judo team comprising the Japanese Chief Coach, coach and interpreter and 12 athletes, totalling 16 led by Lt-Col Saw Shwe of No. 2 WO and Sgt Training Depot of Ministry of Defence left here by air on 1 September to take joint training at Kodotan Judo training school in Tokyo of Japan from 1 September to 15 October.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by President of Myanmar Judo Federation U Tun Tun, the secretary and executives.—*Kyemon-Maw Ko Ko*

Myanmar U-23 rout National Team in football tune-up 3-0

**Yangon, 3 Sept**—Myanmar National Football Team and U-23 Team met in the tune-up match at Youth Training Centre in Thuwunna on 1 September afternoon as part of preparations to take part in the international tournaments.

Myanmar U-23 team could not show off its significant skills in the first half. But, the players of U-23 were in their brilliant form in the second half, scoring winning goals. Myanmar national team played against its opponent through counter attacks but it could not control the attacks of the youth team.

Myanmar U-23 team changed a little for the line-up with Kyaw Ko Ko, Kyaw Zeyer Win and Zaw Min Tun in the first half and Kyi Lin and Kaung Sithu in the second half.

The Myanmar national team handled by Coach U Hsan Win was formed with star players Yan Paing, Khin Maung Lwin, Yazar Win Thein, Thita Sibhu and Paing Soe. Kyaw Ko Ko scored the opening goal for U-23 at 66th minute and Kaung Sithu 88th minute through penalty kick as third goal.

The second goal for the U-23 was unexpectedly given as gift by Zaw Zaw Oo of the national team as owned goal.—*Kyemon-Chit Ko Ko*

Myeik Jail practises drill for prevention against natural disaster

**Myeik, 3 Sept**—Supervised by the Myeik Township Myanmar Correctional Department in Taninthayi Region, the staff of the Myeik Jail exercised drill for prevention against natural disaster on 1 September afternoon.

It was participated by Commander of District Police Force Police Lt-Col Shwe Nya Maung and servicemen totalling 45, Staff Officer of District Fire Services Department U Zaw Win and party together with Deputy Commanding Officer U Kyaw Aung and party of Auxiliary Fire Brigade, totalling 59 and Assistant Director U Nyunt Win of District Myanmar Correctional Department and servicemen, totalling 45 of District Myanmar Correctional Department, totalling 149. They practised drills for prevention against disaster and control of the jail.—*Kyemon-278*

Nine persons squat land of Hlinethaya Township DAC

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*Kyemon-Min Htet Paing (Hlinethaya)*

Poppy seeds, opium, smoking materials, guns seized in Monghsat

**Monghsat, 3 Sept**—A section led by the commanding officer of the local battalion together with 10 people’s militia cleared the region at 4:45 pm on 30 August in Monghsat District of Shan State (East).

They found a suspected Thai citizen together with 6.5 kilos of poppy seeds, 157 grams of opium, two opium smoking materials and three percussion lock firearms.

The military squad led by the commanding officer found a hut in the operation area (at map reference NC 505550). They found Paul, the name of Thai citizen together with poppy seeds in 1.5 litres capacity container and opium worth K 157,000 in addition to materials and firearms.

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NEW DELHI, 3 Sept—India’s upper house of parliament on Monday approved a $20 billion (12.8 billion pounds) scheme to distribute subsidised wheat and rice to 800 million people, backing an anti-malnutrition drive that investors fear will mean missing the fiscal deficit target.

The Food Security Bill is seen as a victory winner by the ruling Congress party as it prepares for elections due by May next year. But investors reacted negatively to the plan when the lower house approved it last week, on worries the government will struggle to contain the cost of subsidies.

The scheme has now been passed by both houses. Before becoming law it must be signed by the president, a formality.

New Delhi, 2 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Brazilians ask US to explain if NSA spied on presidents

BRASILIA, 3 Sept.—Brazil assailed the United States on Monday after new allegations that Washington spied on President Dilma Rousseff, complaining that its sovereignty may have been violated and suggesting that it could call off Rousseff’s planned state visit to the White House next month.

A Brazilian news programme reported on Sunday that the US National Security Agency spied on emails, phone calls and text messages of Rousseff and Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto, a disclosure that could strain Washington’s relations with Latin America’s two biggest nations.

Mexico asked the United States to investigate the allegations, saying they would be a serious violation of its sovereignty if proven true.

Brazil’s government, already smarting from earlier reports that the NSA spied on the emails and phone calls of Brazilians, called in US ambassador Thomas Shannon and gave the US government until the end of the week to provide a written explanation of the new spying disclosures based on documents leaked by fugitive former NSA contractor Edward Snowden.

“I expressed to (Shannon) the Brazilian government’s indignation over the facts revealed in the documents,” Foreign Minister Luiz Alberto Figueiredo said at a news conference.

“From our point of view, this is an inadmissible and unacceptable violation of Brazilian sovereignty,” he said.

Figueiredo said Brazil’s response to the allegations could lead Rousseff to call off her visit to Washington, the only state visit offered by President Barack Obama this year. The trip had been intended to highlight improving US-Brazil ties since Rousseff took office in 2011.

But, in response to a question from reporters about the visit, he said that Brazil’s response to the allegations “will depend” on the US explanation.

The report by Globo’s news programme “Fantastico” was based on documents obtained from Snowden by journalist Glenn Greenwald, who lives in Rio de Janeiro and was listed as a co-contributor to the report.

“Fantastico” showed what it said was an NSA slide dated June 2012 displaying passages of written messages sent by Pena Nieto, who was still a Mexican presidential candidate at that time.

In the messages, Pena Nieto discussed who he was considering naming as his ministers once elected.

A separate slide displayed communication patterns between Rousseff and her top advisers, “Fantastico” said, although no specific written passages were included in the report.

Brazil’s President Dilma Rousseff participates in the inaugural ceremony for the new Minister of Foreign Affairs of Brazil Luiz Alberto Figueiredo Machado at the Planalto Palace on 28 August, 2013.—REUTERS

Japan to host 1st seminar on sea lanes for SE Asia, Africa officials

KYODO NEWS, 4 Sept.—The Japanese government plans to host its first seminar in Tokyo late this month on protecting sea lanes in the Pacific and Indian oceans with officials from South-east Asian and African countries, a Japanese official said on Monday.

The event is likely to be held for three days from 24 Sept and will draw participants from more than 10 countries including the Philippines, Malaysia, Vietnam and Djibouti. The working-level seminar is aimed at strengthening ties with countries in strategic locations such as the Strait of Malacca, the South China Sea and the Gulf of Aden.

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In the seminar, Japan is expected to explain the technical cooperation and financial assistance it has extended to ensure freedom of navigation and safe passage on high seas, according to the Japanese official.

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Govt to spend over 47 billion yen to fight Fukushima toxic water

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The utility known as TEPCO has tried to manage the massive amount of radioactive water that is accumulating at the plant since the nuclear crisis began more than two years ago, but a serious toxic water leak and other revelations have led the government to consider playing a bigger role in the cleanup efforts.

There has also been speculation that the government wants to avoid any negative impact from the issue on Tokyo’s bid to host the Olympics. Abe is scheduled to make Japan’s final presentation at the International Olympic Committee’s meeting in Buenos Aires on Saturday.

An 31 Aug, 2013, photo from a Kyodo News helicopter shows the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station in Fukushima Prefecture.—KYODO NEWS

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JALALABAD, (Afghanistan), 3 Sept—Afghan Taleban insurgent group early on Monday morning launched a complex attack on a US forces’ base in eastern Afghan Province of Nangarhar, sources said.

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The base is a complex where foreign forces’ vehicles and logistic and supply trucks station them.

The clash was going on at the moment in the province with Jalalabad city as its capital 120 km east of Afghan capital Kabul, he noted. Following the attack, the Jalalabad-Torkham highway, a key roadway for local and foreign troops’ logistic and supply convoys, had been blocked.

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Microsoft to acquire Nokia’s handset business for $7.2 billion

Helsinki, 3 Sept — Microsoft Corp on Tuesday said it will buy Nokia’s mobile phone business for $7.2 billion ($7.2 billion).

The deal is expected to close in the first quarter of 2014 and is subject to approval by Nokia’s shareholders and regulatory approvals. Nokia partnered in 2011 with Microsoft and uses Microsoft’s Windows software to run its mobile phones.

Microsoft, Nokia announce $7.2 billion wireless deal

LONDON/SAN DIEGO, 3 Sept — Verizon Communications agreed on Monday to pay $130 billion to buy a major portion of Apple’s US wireless business, signing history’s third-largest corporate deal announcement to bring an end to an often tense 14-year marriage.

The deal will allo remote access to the profits from the United States’ largest mobile operator, handing it fresh firepower to invest in its mobile network and fend off challengers in a tough market that is fast becoming even more competitive.

For the British group, the accord will allow it to return 71 percent of the net proceeds — or $84 billion including all of the stock — to shareholders while ramping up investment in its networks to set itself apart from rivals.

The deal, in which Verizon will buy Nokia’s 45 percent stake in Verizon Wireless, is the defining event in the careers of Vittorio Colao and Lowell McAdam, the chief executives of Vodafone and Verizon, respectively.

They have succeeded in rebuilding relations between the two sides, long strained by clashes over the Wireless dividend and who would eventually seize full ownership.

McAdam told Reuters in an interview that the two men had initially discussed the possibility of combining Verizon and Vodafone before deciding that the stake sale made more sense for both companies.

He said the companies realized they were close to a deal after they spent the morning together in a hotel in San Francisco, chatting while on the exercise bike in the gym and later over breakfast.

The code name assigned to the deal was Project River. “We were Hudson and they were the Thames,” he said, referring to rivers in New York and London. —Reuters

Wireless deal

Black carbon likely to blame for mysterious mid-1800s’ Alps glacier retreat

WASHINGTON, 3 Sept—US researchers said on Monday they have uncovered “strong evidence” that soot, or black carbon, sent into the air by a rapidly industrializing Europe, likely caused the abrupt retreat of Alps mountain glaciers.

The findings, published in the US journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, may help resolve the scientific debate of when mountain glaciers started to lose mass, and why.

“It’s been puzzling as to why the misfortune of the Little Ice Age in Europe, large valley glaciers in the Alps abruptly retreated by an average of nearly 1 kilometer. Yet weather in Europe cooled by about 1 degree Celsius during that time. Scientists have long been puzzled as to why the mismatch between the climate and glacier records occurred. Now, researchers from the US space agency NASA and the University of Colorado Boulder believe that black carbon is to blame.”

“...in the 1860s, before global temperatures started rising again. Central European Alps glacier records dating back to the 1500s show that between 1860 and 1930, loosely defined as the end of the Little Ice Age in Europe, large valley glaciers in the Alps abruptly retreated by an average of nearly 1 kilometer. Yet weather in Europe cooled by about 1 degree Celsius during that time. Scientists have long been puzzled as to why the mismatch between the climate and glacier records occurred. Now, researchers from the US space agency NASA and the University of Colorado Boulder believe that black carbon is to blame.”

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Scientists find frogs that hear with mouths

WASHINGTON, 3 Sept—Scientists said on Monday that they have solved the mystery of why one of the world’s smallest frogs, known as Gardiner’s Seychelles frog, can hear without an ear. Gardiner’s frogs live on the Seychelles islands, which are just one centimetre long, can hear sounds because they use their mouth cavity and tissue to transmit sound to their inner ears, researchers reported in the US journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Most frogs do not possess an outer ear like humans — but a middle ear with an eardrum located directly on the surface of the head. Incoming sound waves make the eardrum vibrate, and the eardrum sends these vibrations using ossicles to the inner ear where hair cells translate them into electric signals sent to the brain.

Scientists previously thought that it is impossible to detect sound in the brain without a middle ear because 99.9 percent of a sound wave reaching an animal is reflected at the surface of its skin.

“However, we know of frog species that croak like other frogs but do not have tympanic middle ears to listen to each other. This seems to be a contradiction,” lead author Renaud Boistel from the University of Poitiers in France said in a statement. To establish whether Gardiner’s frogs actually use sound to communicate with each other, the researchers set up loudspeakers in their natural habitat and broadcast pre-recorded frog songs.

This caused male frogs present in the rainforest to answer, proving that they were able to hear the sound from the loudspeakers, the researchers said.

They then identified the mechanism by which these seemingly deaf frogs were able to hear sound.

Various mechanisms have been proposed: an extra- tympanic pathway through the lungs, muscles which in frogs connect the pectoral girdle to the region of the inner ear, or bone conduction. As these animals are tiny, just one centimetre long, the researchers used X-ray images of the soft tissue and the bony parts with micrometric resolution to determine which body parts contribute to sound propagation.

They found that neither the pulmonary system nor the muscles of these “comforting” significantly” to the transmission of sound to the inner ears.

Numerical simulations helped investigate the third hypothesis, that the sound was received through the frogs’ heads. These simulations confirmed that the mouth acts as a resonator, or amplifie, for the frequencies emitted by this species.

The researchers also noted that the transmission of the sound from the oral cavity to the inner ear has been optimized by two evolutionary adaptations: a reduced thickness of the tissue between the mouth and the inner ear and a smaller number of tissue layers between the mouth and the inner ear. The combination of mouth cavity and bone conduction allows Gardiner’s frogs to perceive sound effectively without use of a tympanic middle ear.”

Boistel said as Gardiner’s frogs have been living isolated in the rainforest of the Seychelles for 47 million to 65 million years, since these islands split away from the main continent, the findings indicated that “their auditory system must be a survivor of life forms on the ancient supercontinent Gondwana.”

Boistel concluded. —Xinhua

Pro-Syria hackers put anti-attack message on US Marine site

WASHINGTON, 3 Sept— Computer hackers aligned with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad struck an Internet recruiting site for the US Marine Corps on Monday, urging troops to “refuse your orders” if the United States attacks Syria.

The attack appeared to be the work of the Syrian Electronic Army, which also recently targeted the New York Times’ website and Twitter.

The hackers posted a message and images on the website written messages, such as “I love you, my enemy” and “In the decades following the 1830s, Europe was undergoing a powerful economic and atmospheric transformation spurred by industrialization. Residents, transportation, and perhaps most importantly, industry

in Western Europe began burning coal in earnest, spewing huge quantities of black carbon and other dark particles into the atmosphere, the researchers said in a statement. “When black carbon particles settle on snow, they darken the surface. This melts the snow and exposes the underlying glacier ice to sunlight and relatively warm air earlier in the year, allowing more and faster melt,” they said.

To determine how much black carbon was in the atmosphere and the snow when the Alps glaciers began to retreat, researchers studied ice cores drilled from high up on several European mountain glaciers. Xinhua

The Droid Mini, Droid Ultra and Droid Maxx are seen on display during the Verizon Wireless media event in New York on 23 July, 2013.—Reuters

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Novartis heart failure drug effective across patient groups

Amsterdam, 3 Sept — An experimental drug from Novartis to treat heart failure proved equally effective regardless of the age of patients or whether they had other medical problems, clinical trial results presented on Monday showed.

The drug, serelaxin, which is a form of a human hormone that relaxes blood vessels and eases stress on the heart and other organs, is viewed as an important medicine in the Swiss drug-maker’s developmental pipeline. Analysts at Jefferies expect the drug to generate peak sales of $1.5 billion a year. Results from a Phase III study last November found it reduced deaths by 37 percent compared with placebo — and the latest data offers further insight by showing how it performed in different patient sub-groups.

The drug led to reduced dyspnea, or breathlessness, and fewer deaths after six months in all patient groups, including those with impaired kidney function, those aged 75 or older, and those with atrial fibrillation, or irregular heartbeats.

The new findings were presented at the European Society of Cardiology congress in Amsterdam, where heart doctors have highlighted the enormous need for new treatments for heart failure, in which the heart is unable to pump enough blood.

Some 2 million patients are hospitalized each year in Europe and United States as a result of heart failure, and about half of all patients die within five years of being diagnosed with the condition. Medical treatment of heart failure has changed little since the 1970s but Novartis hopes serelaxin will soon offer cardiologists a new therapy option.

Doctors get good and bad safety news on diabetes drugs

Amsterdam, 3 Sept — Diabetes pills known as DPP-4 therapies got a mixed safety report on Monday as studies showed they did not raise the risk of heart attacks but might be linked to heart failure, where the heart fails to pump blood adequately. Reassuringly, the medicines were not associated with increased rates of either inflammation of the pancreas or cancer — something that has been a worry in the past.

However, in the case of AstraZeneca and Bristol-Myers Squibb’s approved drug Onglyza, there was a small increase in hospitalizations for heart failure. “It is a little bit concerning,” said Dr Christopher Grainger of Duke University Medical Centre, who was not involved in the research. “I’m sure the FDA (US Food and Drug Administration) will want to know more about it.” Citigroup analyst Andrew Baum, who forecasts Onglyza sales of $2.47 billion in 2018, said the latest data would not ameliorate growing pressures on the DPP-4 drug class in terms of winning reimbursement and achieving wider use.

Doctors and regulators are wary of the cardiovascular safety profile of diabetes drugs following past problems, including with GlaxoSmithKline’s Avandia pill, since patients with diabetes are at increased risk of heart troubles. Researchers from Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, who studied Onglyza over two years in 16,492 patients, said the heart failure finding was unexpected and deserved further investigation. AstraZeneca and Bristol had already given headline results from the study in June, showing Onglyza did not increase heart attack risk — although it did not reduce it either, as the companies had initially hoped.

To date, researchers have been unable to identify any diabetes drug that is not only safe but actually beneficial to the heart. Some doctors were disappointed that Onglyza and Takeda’s rival drug Nesina did not reduce heart risks. However, Dr Henz Drexel, a heart specialist at Feldkirch Hospital in Austria and a spokesman for the European Society of Cardiology (ESC), said the idea of such a benefit from taking the medicines was “not logical”.

Drexel said DPP-4s still offered several advantages, including a lack of weight gain seen with some other antidiabetics, which would offset the heart failure worries. — Reuters

Austrian researchers discover potential remedy for dementia

Vienna, 3 Sept — Austrian scientists have discovered a natural remedy which could play an important role in the future treatment of dementia. The scientists from the University of Graz in conjunction with researchers from the Free University of Berlin said the substance “sperrmidine” stimulates the breakdown of “cellular scrap,” ORF reported on Monday.

This should aid for instance with memory loss problems, a major issue for sufferers of dementia. According to Frank Madeo from the Institute of Molecular Bioscience at the University of Graz, sperrmidine is found in all body cells, though its concentration decreases with age. The compound aids in the breakdown of defective proteins and other damaged cellular components.

As part of their study the researchers conducted tests on fruit flies, where it was established that the older flies who had been administered sperrmidine had much better memory abilities. When confronted with certain stimuli, these older flies who otherwise performed poorly, reacted with the same success as the younger flies.

Along with mice, have similar memory processes to that of humans, the researchers hope the positive results can be adapted to the treatment of dementia in people, with targeted patient studies expected as a next step. — Xinhua

EU urges efforts to tackle rising trade protectionism

Brussels, 3 Sept — The European Union (EU) said in a report on Monday that global efforts to combat rising trade protectionism need to be reinforced to help shield the fragile economic recovery. According to the EU Report on Potentially Trade-Restrictive Measures, about 150 new trade restrictions introduced by EU over the last year, whereas only 18 existing measures have been dismantled. A total of almost 700 new measures have been identified since October 2011.

The report said there has been a sharp increase in the use of measures applied directly at the border, especially in the form of import duty hikes. Brazil, Argentina, Russia and Ukraine are at increased risk of heart failure, where the heart is unable to pump enough blood.

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“All of us need to stick to our pledge to fight back against protectionism. It is worrisome to see so many restrictive measures still being adopted and virtually none abolished,” said EU Trade Commissioner Karel De Gucht. — Xinhua

Facebook peer groups may be useful for HIV education

New York, 3 Sept — Groups on the popular networking site Facebook help educate men about HIV prevention and testing, a new study suggests. Researchers found that specially-creat ed Facebook social media groups helped encourage men who have sex with men to reach out for information about testing themselves at home for HIV.

The study is “really demonstrating a way to take what we already know to be effective... and translating it into the digital realm,” Sheana Bull, professor and chair of the Department of Community and Behavioural Health at the Colorado School of Public Health in Denver, said. “I think it does have a lot of potential and a lot of promise,” said Bull, who wasn’t involved with the new study. “We wanted to look at if we can use what we know about behavioural science and behaviour change and integrate it with technologies that exist.”

For the new study, Young and his colleagues adopted the community peer-leader model for Facebook. The prevention model recruits people’s peers to act as leaders to inform the others about HIV and prevention. In the past, the community peer-leader model has been associated with increased condom use and fewer reports of unprotected sex. Those behaviour changes have been found to last up to three years. Young and his team recruited 112 men who have sex with men from a urban area between September 2010 and February 2011. Of those, over 85 percent were African American or Latino. In Los Angeles, African Americans and Latinos have a high incidence of HIV, and most cases are attributed to men who have sex with men. The researchers write in the Annals of Internal Medicine. — Reuters
Thailand’s reconciliation endeavors might be time-consuming, painstaking:

Former Western leaders

BANGKOK, 3 Sept — Former Western leaders said on Monday that Thailand’s national reconciliation bids might be time-consuming and painstaking, which they believed would finally bear fruit for all Thai people.

Addressing a special forum entitled “Uniting for the Future” at a Bangkok hotel, former British prime minister Tony Blair said Thailand’s reconciliation bids would take a long time and great patience among the opposing sides of society, following several years of political conflict and social division.

However, Blair said, the ongoing reconciliation efforts might eventually succeed and benefit the Thai people as a whole.

“The most important factor for national reconciliation is to never step back, however painful and divided it might be. The national leadership must set out to do it with support from a majority of people. Without popular support, the reconciliation will be unlikely,” he said.

The former British leader suggested the Thai society need to review the attitudes towards democratic rule to the extent that it will not only rely on a majority vote in favour of the government but also respect the minority’s views and that all sides will uphold and abide by the rule of law.

Blair said all previous happenings remain irreversible and can be taken as a lesson from which the Thai can learn and push toward the national reconciliation process, though it might be painstaking and difficult for the time being.

Blair said a prominent Thai figure will be needed to spearhead the reconciliation bid and bring the others to the negotiation table at which all talk should be carried out in “sympathetic and straightforward” manner. He did not specifically recommend who should play the role of a leader in the reconciliation bid.

Former Finnish President Martti Ahtisaari said Thai reconciliation efforts might probably take more than 10 years’ time to achieve and advised that all sides be “flexible, patient and sincere” for the sake of the ultimate goal of the country and people.

“One must skip over the past and make a better future. The reconciliation bid must be based upon mutual trust...True reconciliation depends upon the will of the people and it can make a difference,” said the 2008 Nobel Peace Prize laureate.

He said all sectors of the divided society should step back today in order to move forward together tomorrow and see to it that the Thai society will get united toward the goal of national reconciliation.

Obama should return Guantanamo to Cuba, former US envoy says

GROSEVILLE, 3 Sept — US President Barack Obama should return the naval base at Guantanamo Bay to Cuba, and some detainees could stay on at a US-run jail there, a former US envoy to Cuba said.

Obama, by negotiating a deal with Cuban leader Raul Castro about the base on the communist island, could build a long-term relationship with its people, said Michael Parmly, head of the US interests section in Havana from 2005-2008.

Since 1903, the United States has had treaty rights to Guantanamo Bay, a 45-square-mile territory in southeastern Cuba, originally needed as a fueling station for US warships.

The prison was set up by former US President George W. Bush’s administration for foreign suspected militants after the 11 September, 2001 attacks.

The US base is a “historic anomaly” even though the two countries have not had diplomatic relations since 1961, Parmly wrote.

The current partisan tensions on the (Capitol) Hill ensure that it would be an uphill climb, but it is the thesis of this paper that a similar bold step, akin to the Panama Canal, is called for regarding Guantanamo,” he said, citing that 1977 US return of the waterway to Panama as a precedent.

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At a Press conference following their meeting, Kishida said, “We will expand our cooperative stance in the future to address global-scale challenges, such as environmental issues.” Figueiredo expressed hope that more Japanese companies will launch businesses in Brazil.

During the meeting, Kishida proposed starting dialogue to accelerate Brazil’s approval procedures for drugs and medical equipment, aiming at expanding Japanese exports of such products. Kishida also asked Brazil to speed up issuance of working visas to expand business travel between the two countries, Latin America’s largest economy.

The two also agreed to introduce a visa waiver for each other’s government officials on official business.

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Johannesburg, 3 Sept — South Africa’s President Jacob Zuma will attend the upcoming G20 summit in Russia, the Presidency announced on Monday.

The G20 summit is scheduled to be held in the Russian important city of Saint Petersburg from Thursday to Friday.

“The summit will take place at a time of increased turbulence in global financial markets, which has been brought about by speculation that the US Federal Reserve will soon cut back on the 85 billion US dollars it has been pumping into the financial markets every month,” said the Presidency. “The leaders of the G20 countries will also meet against the backdrop of a fragile and uneven economic recovery,” the Presidency added.

The South African Presidency hoped that the G20 members could take collective action to stabilize the volatile economy, saying “as the current volatility of emerging market currencies shows, decisions taken by countries based solely on their own national interest can have serious implication for other nations.”

As the emerging economies, South Africa, India and some other countries have been worried over their troubled currencies which have been depreciated by nearly 20 percent so far this year.

Russia advises nationals to think twice before going abroad

MOSCOW, 3 Sept — Russian Foreign Ministry warned on Monday citizens to exercise extra caution while travelling abroad to avoid potential detention under US warrants. “Russian citizens are advised to refrain from the travels abroad, especially to the countries which have readmission agreements with the US,” the ministry said in a statement.

It noted that the advice has been mostly applied to the Russian citizens who may expect to be on the US authorities’ wanted list. “The court hearings with those (Russians) effectively abducted to the US are biased. They are based on a shaky legal ground and have clear accusation bias. As a rule, these hearings end up with indictments,” the statement said.

Russia said despite its diplomatic missions assist fellow citizens in need, the court hearings nevertheless result in criminal indictments. Recently, several countries, including Lithuania, Spain, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, arrested and handed over to the US law enforcement agencies the Russian citizens wanted by Washington on various allegations.

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**LOCAL NEWS**

**Educative talks on human trafficking given in Lewe Township**

Min Naing of Nay Pyi Taw Anti-Human Trafficking Squad gave talks on the background history of human trafficking and human trafficking in Myanmar, migration, facts and figures, legislations against human trafficking, major causes of human trafficking, and tricks commonly employed by human traffickers.

Pamphlets were then distributed to the students. Police Sub-Inspector Soe Min Thein of Lewe Myoma Police Station gave talks on crime reduction. *MMAL-Zaw Myo Naing*

**Agricultural staff, farmers working together on remaining monsoon paddy field**

Patheinmyi, 3 Sept—Patheinmyi Township in Mandalay Region has a large acreage of monsoon paddy as the farmlands are well fed by irrigation water and rain. A total of 17521 acres of farmland have been put under monsoon paddy against the targeted 29382 acres of monsoon paddy in 2013 in the township. The staff of agriculture department were working with the farmers to complete remaining 11861 acres of monsoon paddy. *MMAL-Aung Kyaw Tun (Patheinmyi)*

**Meiktila merchants to open brokerage**

Meiktila, 3 Sept—Merchants in Meiktila held a preliminary meeting at the meeting hall of District of Meiktila on 12 September. *MMAL-Thein Myint Kyaw*

**Porridge offered to schoolchildren**

Bago, 3 Sept—Chairperson of Bago Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Malar Myint and party and members of Hinthagon ward Maternal and Child Welfare Association offered chicken porridge to 275 school children at Basic Education Post-Primary School in Hinthagon ward in Bago Region on 26 August as social activities. *MMAL-Thant Zin*

**Agricultural production seminar organized in ChaungU**

ChaungU, 3 Sept—Seminar on boosting agricultural production was held at Agriculture Department office in ChaungU Township on 28 August. The seminar was attended by farmers and agricultural staff from 14 village-tracts. *MMAL-Township IPRD*

**Hledan market road expanded**

Yangon, 3 Sept—The brick fence with the farmers to complete remaining 11861 acres of monsoon paddy.

**Business**

**Myanmar track & field leaves for Bangkok**

Yangon, 3 Sept—A Myanmar track and field team comprising 11 coaches and athletes left here by air on 1 September morning for Bangkok of Thailand to take part in the Thai Track & Field Championships from 3 to 6 September. Myanmar team will take part in the 100-m, 200-m and 400-m races, shot put, discus, chain shot put and javelin events. *MMAL-Myo Naing Kyaw*

**Agriculture**

**Construction**
Active participation in rehabilitation of affected paddy fields

As Myanmar is a country based on agriculture, agricultural development contributes a great deal towards national economy. Not only good weather but farmers and farm lands play a leading role in the boosting of agricultural production.

In August, there were floods in some areas of the country. Coordinations have been made among the state and region governments for the issues of flood victims, and water caused destruction as well as resettle and rehabilitation of the affected paddy fields affected by the floods. Moreover, frequent drought in some arid zones of the country has resulted in the loss of crops.

Local authorities, NGOs, armed forces and police forces in cooperation with social organizations actively participated in monitoring the conditions of rainfalls and river waters, issuing early warnings and evacuating flood victims to safety.

The most suitable ways are being sought for recovery and rehabilitation of the affected paddy fields along with the provision of subsidies to farmers when flood water was on the ebb. The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation will attend the needs of farmers in distress due to floods. Meanwhile, steps will be taken by the Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development for rural development.

Global warming has triggered natural disasters such as drought and floods which are not preventable. The global nations are now at the mercy of such catastrophes. However, effective disaster preparedness based on past experiences could mitigate the impact of disasters to the finest possible extent. We must be more vigilant against natural disasters and make necessary preventative measures in the future.

As the risk of disasters is a shared responsibility, local authorities, social organizations and local people are encouraged to mobilize concerted efforts in the disaster risks reduction and recovery and rehabilitation of affected people and paddy fields.

UEC members to observe Australia’s Election

YANGON, 3 Sept—Under the programme of AusAID, Union Election Commission members U Myint Maung and U Win Ko left for Australia this evening to observe general election to be held there on 7 September in Myanmar-Vietnam to promote trade

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept—The 7th Myanmar-Vietnam Joint Committee meeting was held at the Ministry of Industry and Trade in Hanoi, Vietnam on 30 August.

At the meeting, a Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan and Vietnamese delegation led by Minister for Industry and Trade Mr. Nguyen Canh Huan observed products and goods of displays at Myanmar booth at 10th China-ASEAN Expo in Nanning of China. MNA

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of economic development of the globe and has become a strategic location for the world economy. Stability of ASEAN’s and China’s economy becomes crucial for the world economy. During two decades, ASEAN-China relations have seen a lot of success. And relations between the ASEAN countries and China have promoted to a strategic partnership based on amity and mutual trust. He called for further cementing the ASEAN-China relations for new generations.

China is the biggest trade partner while ASEAN is the third biggest trade partner of China. China’s direct investment volumes in the ASEAN region have significantly increased, showing positive sign. He called for maintaining this situation. In 2010, ASEAN-China Free Trade Area was established. It becomes a world’s most populous region and has third largest GDP value.

He continued that he welcomes China’s support for ASEAN Integration and establishment of ASEAN Community. The ASEAN Community that will emerge in 2015 would make China friendlier with ASEAN. Economic development of ASEAN and China would help support regional stability and peace.

For having more harmony between the people, it needs to promote cooperation in exchanges between MPs, scholars, students, youths and stakeholders. He was pleased with already existed “Pauk-Phaw” relations between the two countries. China is the biggest investor in Myanmar with a total investment of $14 billion USD. In 2012, trade between Myanmar-China had reached USD 6.5 billion. It needs to make efforts for trade promotion in Myanmar. China accounts for over 1% of ASEAN-China trade.

Launching of Myanmar-China Oil and Natural Gas Pipeline project in July, 2013 is a significant success in Myanmar-China Economic Cooperation. China-ASEAN Exophelp supports promoting cooperation in such sectors as agriculture, energy, tourism industry, science and technology, human resource development, SMEs and public health. Myanmar values the already-prevailed amity between the two countries.

Myanmar is going to take the ASEAN Chairmanship in 2014. The year 2014 is crucial as being the last year for preparation of the 2015 ASEAN Community. He reaffirmed that at a time when Myanmar takes the ASEAN Chairmanship, Myanmar would further cement a strategic relation and try to promote cooperation for cultural exchange between ASEAN countries and China.

Documentary video of China-ASEAN Expo was displayed. After that, President U Thein Sein, the heads from China and ASEAN countries, high-ranking officials and the ASEAN Secretary-General opened the 10th CAEXPO.

At the ceremony, the officials concerned presented the records on achievements in relations between ASEAN-China Youth Association, of science and technology between ASEAN-China, of construction road networks between ASEAN-China Port Cities, and of bilateral cooperation between ASEAN-China Chamber of Commerce.

Art.215pm, the President and his entourage attended opening of Myanmar booth at the 10th China-ASEAN Expo.

Union Ministers U Myint Hlaing and U Win Aung formally returned to Beijing from Nanning. MNA

Before the Special ASEAN-China Foreign Ministers Meeting, the Union Minister had a bilateral meeting with his counterpart, Mr. Wang Yi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of China in the morning of 28 August at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Beijing. Matters related to promotion of bilateral relations were discussed during the meeting. The Chinese Foreign Minister expressed China’s support to Myanmar’s Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2014. He also pointed out that the year 2014 is the 60th anniversary of establishment of Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence, which was founded by the leaders of China, India and Myanmar.

At the end of his tour to Beijing, the Union Minister proceeded to Nanning city, yesterday. The Union Minister joined the Myanmar delegation to the 10th ASEAN-China Expo and the 10th ASEAN-China Business and Investment Summit led by U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The Union Minister returned to Myanmar this afternoon.

Wednesday, 4 September, 2013
Federal system suited the country should be practised: Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept—“It needs to adopt a federal system suited the country,” said Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann at a meeting with State Hluttaw representatives, members of Leading Bodies of Self-Administered Zones, departmental heads, townselders and officials from Town Development Committees at Taunggyi City Hall of Shan State yesterday morning.

After that, Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, State Hluttaw Speaker U Sai Lon Hsai, State Advocate-General U Maung Maung presented reports on sector-wise matters.

National Races Affairs Ministers, Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, responsible persons from Town Development Supporting Committee and National Races Parties gave suggestions on regional development and eternal peace.

With Regard to the reports, the Speaker replied that special emphasis is placed on dealing with the land disputes by forming the commission at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. At the same time, Land Management Committees which were formed by the government across the country are handling land disputes in accord with the laws.

He pointed out the country has lagged behind development in many other countries due to the lack of national unity, the rule of law and peace. As regards the federal system, he made it clear that federal means sharing powers while living together and suggested that federal system suited the country should be practised. He urged those present to do their bit to ensure national unity, national reconsolidation and eternal peace.

Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Aung Tun donated cash for Parahita Homes and State Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee.

Afterwards, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker cordially greeted those present, it was also attended by Union Minister U Kyaw Lwin, Lt-Gen Aung Than Htut of the Ministry of Defence, Hluttaw Committee Chairmen U Maung Maung Thein, U Thein Zaw, U Maung Maung Swe and U Soe Naung and U Aung Tun, deputy ministers U Khin Zaw, U Khin Maung Aye and U Win Myint, Committee Secretary Dr Nay Linn and Defence Service Personnel Hluttaw Representatives.

In the morning, he held talks with officials from Pa-O Self-Administered Zone, Pa-O National Liberation Organization and SSA/RCSS at Punglong House in Taunggyi of Shan State.

Letpadaungtaung copper mine project, crucial for national development

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept—Letpadaungtaung copper mine project is crucial for economic development of the nation, contributing to poverty alleviation of national brethren, said Union Minister at the President Office U Hla Tun who is chairman of Implementation Committee of the Report of the Investigation Commission for Letpadaungtaung Copper Mining Project, at the coordination meeting of the committee at Win Unity Hall in Monywa yesterday afternoon.

He stressed the need to cooperate in prompt action on implementation of the report of the investigation commission. He pointed out that the committee is to join hands with INGOs and local people to gather correct data for effectively implementing cooperative social development (CSD) and cooperate social responsibility (CSR) and environmental conservation.

The vice-chairman of the committee said that thanks to liaison offices, tasks can be carried out quickly for fulfilling the requirements of the people, and the respective committees are to adopt better managements for undertaking the tasks through coordination work, he said.

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Union Attorney-General meets OECD guests

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept—Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin received Ms Allison Morris and Mr Pete Silvester from Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) at his office, here this morning.

The visitors from OECD asked about international treaties, anti-corruption and relations with ministries concerned for legal affairs.

The Attorney-General of the Union explained actions being taken by his office regarding ministries in legal affairs, measures being taken by higher committee with the Vice-President at the helm in anti-corruption drive and his office’s efforts for scrutinizing the domestic laws whether they are in conformity with International Treaties.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets servicemen, families in Pathein

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Duty and function of Mobile Team (Yangon) clarified in Sittway

SITTWAY, 3 Sept.—Under the supervision of Illegal Commodity Control Central Committee, the Sittway Border Trade Camp of Commercial and Consumer Affairs Department under the Ministry of Commerce held a clarification on duty and functions of Mobile Team (Yangon) at the hall of Rakhine State Chambers of Commerce and Industry on 1 September afternoon.

Rakhine State Minister for Development Affairs U Mya Aung made a speech. In-charge of the trade camp (Sittway) Assistant Director U Soe Win Maung explained tasks to be undertaken by Mobile Team (Yangon) under the supervision of the central committee.

Officials replied to queries raised by local entrepreneurs.

After the general round discussion followed, and the State minister gave concluding remarks.

Also present at the meeting were OSS member State level departmental officials, Chairman of State Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Tin Aung Oo and members, owners of vehicles and watercrafts and company entrepreneurs.

Kyemon-Rakhine State IPRD

Sanitation, dredging drains carried out

YANGON, 3 Sept.—Local authorities at grassroots level led by Ward Administrator U Aung Than of No 12 Ward in Hlimethaya Township together with town elders, regional development support committee and local people totalling over 70 participated in the sanitation tasks along Hsinbyushin and Thakin Mya Road on 31 August.

Moreover, students and parents joined them in dredging the drains along the road in the ward of Hlimethaya Township, Yangon North District.

Kyemon-Min Htet Paing (Hlimethaya)

6.2 million and Myanmar Libraries Foundation, K 1 million and local people K 550,000. The building will be 54 feet long and 25 feet wide.

Kyemon-Tun Hlaing (Myaing)

Fire Station Tower and Building standing for over golden jubilee

THATON, 3 Sept.—With the aim of ensuring protection of children against violence, exploitation and sexual abuse, the workshop on protection of children was held at the hall of Township General Administration Department in Thaton Township of Mon State on 31 August.


Members of the Township Committee of the Child Rights participated in the discussions in respective sectors, tasks to be done pointed by point and requirements.

The workshop adopted the future plans to protection against child rights.

Kyemon-Thet Ou (Thaton)

Water purifier and water tank equipped at Khochel BEPPS in Indaw Tsp

INDAW, 3 Sept.—A ceremony to donate one 1500-litre-capacity steel tank of water purifier and one 1000-litre-capacity water tank, one motor and water tanker to Khochel Village Basic Education Post-Primary School had been held in Mawtaik of Indaw Township in Sagaing Region.

U Kyi Maung-Daw Aye Aye Mon and family of Hmawwanlay Village in Phakant Township in Kachin State donated K 1.2 million for the water purifier and accessories.

In addition, the local people also donated cash to the fund for the water purifier.

On 2 August, the village administrator, town elders, members of the school board of trustees, the headmaster and teachers formally opened the water purifier facilities.

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Hmawby Saya Thein Library under construction

YANGON, 3 Sept.—Under the leadership of Hmawby Township Writers Association Chairman Maung Cho Wai, the library to mark the Hmawby Saya Thein is being constructed in Hmawby Township.

Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Kyi Myint managed to donate bags of cement and the Township Administrator, construction materials.

Wellwishers donated K 31 million and local people K 6.2 million.

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At present, seven teachers and 182 students from the post-primary school are enjoying sufficient consumption of purified drinking water.

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Kyemon-Myawin Tun (Monywa)
Tornados hit eastern Japan, injuring dozens of people

Tokyo, 3 Sept — Tornados hit cities in eastern Japan on Monday afternoon, injuring dozens of people and damaging over 540 buildings, local police said. In Koshigaya, Saitama Prefecture, power poles collapsed and roofs were blown off residential buildings with police officials saying 66 people in the city were injured, including a man who suffered a skull fracture and a woman who broke her right leg.

In Noda, Chiba Prefecture, a woman sustained a minor injury.

Tornados moved in a straight line northeast from Iwatsuki Ward in the city of Saitama, adjacent to Koshigaya, through Noda, leaving damage over a 13.8 kilometre-long area. The Saitama prefectural police department said more than 390 buildings were damaged in Koshigaya and in the town of Matsubushi, and many trucks and other vehicles were overturned.

Flying debris smashed around 50 windows at Sakuraminami Elementary School in the city, injuring two third-grade boys, the school said. Principal Toshio Kudo said the tornado hit around 2:20 pm, just as pupils were leaving the school after an opening ceremony following the summer break.

In Chiba Prefecture, 68 houses and 27 vehicles in the city of Noda were damaged and power was temporarily cut to 6,200 households, according to local authorities.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told a Press conference in Tokyo the government had sent investigation teams to Koshigaya and Noda. He also called for caution to prevent accidents due to debris on roads and downed power lines. According to the Japan Meteorological Agency, atmospheric instability was caused by warm, humid air filling the space under a cold front building high above Japan.

Kyodo News

Indian Army chief embarks on Australia tour

New Delhi, 3 Sept — Indian Army chief General Bikram Singh on Monday embarked on a tour of Australia in a bid to bolster strategic ties with that country, sources said.

“General Singh’s four-day visit will step up the strategic partnership between the two countries. He will hold meeting with several top defence officials as well as political dignitaries of Australia. The visit is aimed at increasing strategic interests of both the countries,” the sources said.

The Indian Army chief’s visit came after Indian Defence Minister AK Antony made his first ever visit to Australia last June, during which he held talks with his Australian counterpart Stephen Smith.

The two Defence Ministers had agreed on a number of defence initiatives such as military exercises, maritime security and a joint naval combat exercise in 2015.

Xinhua

Australian opposition leader vocal on carbon tax if elected

Canberra, 3 Sept — Australian Opposition Coalition leader Tony Abbott promised on Monday to scrap the carbon tax within a year if government of if elected.

Abbott dedicated much of his half-hour speech at the National Press Club in Canberra to attacking the Labour government’s policy on carbon tax, claiming the cumulative cost of the policy in terms of the loss in gross domestic product to 2050 would be 1 trillion AU dollars ($96 billion US dollars).

He said the upcoming election on 7 September is a referendum on the carbon tax.

He also claimed that carbon tax damages Australian economy without helping the environment, quoting the government’s own documents as saying that a carbon tax at 38 AU dollars (33 US dollars) a tonne won’t actually reduce Australia’s domestic emissions.

Abbott said Labour under Prime Minister Kevin Rudd can’t be trusted to manage the economy.

“At the carbon tax, our economy will find it much harder to pay for the better services that you (voters) want,” he added.

General rid of the carbon tax would leave the economy three percent bigger or 40 billion AU dollar (35.8 billion US dollars) a year wealthier, Abbott said.

“Elect the Coalition and, within a year, the carbon tax will be gone so power prices will be down in the order of 10 percent and gas prices will be down in the order of nine percent,” he added.

The carbon tax, which took effect on 1 July, 2012, was introduced by former Prime Minister Julia Gillard in return for the Green party’s support to Labour government in the lower house though she promised during the 2010 election campaign she wouldn’t introduce it.

Abbott also promised the Australian people “a stronger and more diverse five-pillar economy with innovative manufacturing, agriculture, services and education as well as mining and two million new jobs over a decade” — Xinhua

S Korea to give $6.3 mil in humanitarian aid to N Korea

Seoul, 3 Sept — South Korea will give $6.3 million in humanitarian aid to North Korea through a United Nations agency, Yonhap News Agency reported on Monday, citing an official of South Korea’s Unification Ministry.

“The money to go to the World Health Organization will help repair medical facilities, train healthcare workers and give essential drugs to the North that can help all people,” an unidentified official of the ministry was quoted as saying.

The aid to the North will mark the second time that the government of President Park Geun Hye, who took office in February, has allowed humanitarian aid to reach the North. The last shipment was approved in late July.

South Korea also plans to allow 12 civic groups to send 2.35 billion won ($2.13 million) worth of aid to North Korea.

The aid by the civic groups includes medical supplies, baby formula, vitamins, soy milk, supplies to make nutritionally fortified bread and stationery for children.

Kyodo News
New International Trade Centre chief looks to scale up operations

GENEVA, 3 Sept — The International Trade Centre (ITC) is “uniquely placed” to contribute to the United Nations post-2015 development agenda and help small and medium-sized enterprises become the agents of inclusive growth, new ITC chief Arancha Gonzalez said on Monday.

“The agenda is placing a huge onus on small and medium enterprises as engines for poverty reduction,” she said, adding ITC would have to “scale up its operations” and develop the best tools to plan, implement and monitor results.

ITC is the joint agency of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United Nations, which assists small and medium-sized enterprises in developing and transition economy countries to become more competitive in global markets.

Gonzalez, who was appointed to the post on 15 Aug, joins ITC from the WTO, where she served as chief of staff to the former director-general Pascal Lamy.

ITC’s parent organizations will have new leaders as of September: Roberto Azevedo of Brazil took office as the new director-general of the WTO and Mukhisa Kituyi of Kenya as the new secretary-general of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

“The three organizations need to work very closely together,” said Gonzalez.

The Hague, 3 Sept — The national counter-terrorism unit (NCTV) of the Netherlands is assessing the potential risks linked to a planned takeover of the Dutch telecom Royal KPN NV by America Movil, Dutch media reported on Monday. According to the national coordinator Dick Schoof KPN maintains a vital infrastructure that is used by many services such as the 112 national emergency number.

The question of whether the national interest will be properly protected in any eventual sale should be reviewed, Dick Schoof told local media.

Last Friday, a foundation, founded in 1994 “to protect key national infrastructure” when KPN was nationalized, blocked the sale to the Mexican firm by erecting takeover defenses. The foundation, named Preference Shares B KPN, said America Movil has opted for a hostile approach by not first trying to reach an agreement on a merger protocol with KPN and has taken control of almost 50 percent of KPN’s voting rights.—Xinhua

Over 120,000 affected by SW China quake

DIENQI, 3 Sept — The lives of more than 120,000 people in a prefecture in southwest China’s Yunnan Province have been affected by earthquakes that occurred last week.

The government of the Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Deqen said on Monday that a 5.1-magnitude quake and a 5.9-magnitude quake that hit the province on 28 and 31 August, respectively, have caused a direct economic loss of nearly 1.5 billion yuan (240 million US dollars) and affected more than 120,000 people there.

According to statistics released by the government, as of 12 am on Monday, three people had been killed and 44 others injured in the counties of Shangri-La and Deqen, the worst-hit areas and all affected.

Following the two quakes and 753 aftershocks in the prefecture, 596 houses have collapsed, and 14,359 houses have been damaged so far.

As of 7:30 pm, all the injured people have received treatment in local hospitals, while more than 20,000 affected residents have been relocated to safe places. According to the civil affairs bureau of Deqen, a 20-million-yuan disaster relief emergency fund will be dispatched to those affected areas.

As of 2 pm, 4,923 tents have been pitched to settle affected people. And nearly 10,000 cotton-padded quilts, more than 3,000 coats, 4,700 folding beds and 4,700 mattresses have been dispatched to local people. The bureau has also provided rice and noodles for the affected people.

Meanwhile, 393 tourists are still trapped in a scenic spot in Shangri-La County because the second 5.9-magnitude quake damaged the road leading away from the site. No injuries or fatalities have been reported so far.

Armed police are making efforts to repair the road. The local government said that the tourists have access to sufficient water and food, that they can be reached through telecommunication, and that they are expected to be rescued on Tuesday.—Xinhua

Two bombs go off on Israel-Gaza border

JERUSALEM, 3 Sept — Two bombs went off early Monday near Israeli troops patrolling the border with northern Gaza, causing no injuries or damage, the army said.

Local media reported the roadside bombs were planted in the vicinity of Kibbutz Nahal Oz, an Israeli farming community, though the army would not confirm the location of the blasts.

It was the first incident in the past week that Gaza militants have set off bombs against Israeli forces operating in the area, the army said.

A similar incident took place on Friday, when a bomb exploded near a military patrol near the Gaza border fence. No soldiers were injured in the incident.

Peter Lerner, an army spokesman, said the military preserves “the right to maintain its operational accessibility in the area, in order to prevent future attacks to execute terror attacks and to protect civilians.”—Xinhua
Are Shah Rukh Khan, Ekta Kapoor heading for a showdown again?

MUMBAI, 3 Sept—In round one between Shah Rukh Khan and Ekta Kapoor, the star seems to have won the first bout. But the producer appears to be gearing up for round two.

Insiders say she wants her upcoming film Milan Talkies to clash with Shah Rukh's Farah's film too has been delayed as much time was spent looking for the right cast. Happy New Year went on the floors yesterday. However, Ekta's spokesperson rubbishes the casting is yet to happen. Tigmanshu remained unavailable for comment.

Jacqueline Fernandez excited to play film director in Roy

MUMBAI, 3 Sept—Jacqueline Fernandez, who will be seen in a double role in her upcoming film Roy, is excited that one of her characters in the film is a movie director. She says she plans to take some tips from some director friends.

“I am lucky enough to be playing a double role in the movie, one of them being a director! So I am excited about that. I will take some tips from directors I know,” the 28-year-old said. She also said that the shoot for the film begins by the end of 2013.

“We haven’t started shooting for Roy yet. We will start by the end of the year. It’s really interesting, I am working opposite two amazing actors,” she said. Roy features Ranbir Kapoor and Arjun Rampal. To be directed by Vikramjit Singh, it is currently slated for release in June 2014. —PTI

‘Philomena’ impresses, Gilliam goes into black hole in Venice

VENICE, 3 Sept—Judi Dench and Steve Coogan’s heart-tugging “Philomena” continued to garner praise at the Venice Film Festival, while director Terry Gilliam’s “The Zero Theorem” took viewers into a dystopian world in the latest competition offering on Monday.

Gilliam’s film, which his legions of fans hope will mark a return to form for the maker of the cult classics “Twelve Monkeys” and “Brazil”, stars Christoph Waltz as a reclusive number cruncher whose computer rig resembles a video game.

Haunted by visions of a black hole, he has friends, talks about himself in the first person plural and works for a “management” that wants to prove that everything equals nothing. It elicited a few boos at the first festival showing but young Italian film bloggers said it captured the way people communicate and interact in the Internet age.

“Since Facebook, we work at home, we love at home and we never see each other,” Matteo Bernardini of website Point-blank (www.pointblank.it) said after seeing the film, which also stars a singing pizzaboy.

Trade publication Variety said the main buzz as the festival hit midpoint, between the opening with space drama “Gravity” last Wednesday and the awarding of the Golden Lion for a movie “Philomena”, directed by Stephen Frears, on Saturday, was around “Philomena” and two other films, “Joe” and “Tracks”. The Nicolas Cage vehicle “Joe” tells the story of an ex-con mentoring a boy from a violent background and “Tracks” is based on the true story of a young woman’s voyage of self discovery in a trek across the Australian desert with four camels.

Based on the real-life story of an elderly Irish woman’s search for her child after nuns forced her to give him up for adoption, “Philomena” stars Dench in the title role and British comic Coogan as a world-weary journalist who agrees to write her story to try to rescue his flagging career.

Dakota Johnson, Charlie Hunnam to star in ‘Fifty Shades of Grey’


“Fifty Shades of Grey”, about a passionate relationship between literature student Anastasia and the manipulative entrepreneur Christian, was first published in 2011 and became a cultural phenomenon as it rocketed up the bestseller lists. Described as “mummy porn” by critics, James’s debut novel became Britain’s fastest pa-perback to reach 1 million sales and was the first in a trilogy. Movie rights for the novels were bought up by Universal Pictures and Focus Features.

Johnson, 23, a fashion model and actress, is the daughter of “Miami Vice” actor Don Johnson and “Working Girl” star Melanie Griffith. Johnson is best known for films such as action comedy “21 Jump Street” (2012) and romantic comedy “The Five-Year Engagement” (2012).

The 33-year-old Hunnam’s latest film was sci-fi epic “Pacific Rim” (2013), in which he played a robot pilot fighting alien monsters. “Fifty Shades” will be directed by Sam Taylor-Johnson and is due for release in 2014. James, a former television executive whose real name is Erica Leonard, lives with her family in London. —Reuters

China, according to China Film News on Tuesday, “Monsters University,” an American 3D computer-animated comedy, was second in the charts, taking 180 million yuan since its debut on 23 August.

“The Stolen Years,” a film directed by Hong Kong director Chun-Chun Wong and debuted during the week, came in third, taking in about 64 million yuan. Leonardo DiCaprio’s “The Great Gatsby” has made 27 million yuan since premiered on 30 Aug in China. In the week from 26 Aug to 1 Sept, 12 million people visited cinemas nationwide, with a weekly box office total of 400 million yuan, slightly down on the previous week.—Xinhua

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SRK and Ekta’s films may just clash at the box office.

PTI
Ozil, Fellaini in big-money moves as window shuts

The deals followed close on the heels of Wales winger Gareth Bale’s world record move from Tottenham Hotspur to Real on Sunday worth 100 million euros ($131.88 million).

After a quiet start to deadline day, things began hotting up when Arsenal smashed their club record by spending 42.5 million pounds ($66.15 million) on Ozil.

The fee eclipsed the previous highest of 15 million pounds that the North London side paid for Russia forward Andriy Arshavin in 2009. It was also the first major signing of the window for Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger who had been heavily criticised by the fans and the media for not buying a striker.

“I have said throughout the summer that we have been working hard to bring in top-quality players,” he told the club website (www.arsenal.com) after landing long-term target Ozil, 24.

“This has involved many, many people across the club and I have always had the full support of the club in making decisions on the football side.”

It was also all quiet on the north-western front at Arsenal’s Premier League rivals Manchester United until manager David Moyes ended his long pursuit of Fellaini by returning to his former club Everton to sign the mop-haired Belgian.

Fellaini, 25, cost the Premier League champions £43 million (27.6 million euros), Everton said on their website (www.everton.com).

Everton were also busy recruiting on deadline day, signing young Chelsea striker Romelu Lukaku and ex-England midfielder Ga- reth Barry on season-long loan deals and buying playmaker James McCarthy from Wigan Athletic for £20 million.

The league leaders signed central defenders Mamadou Sakho and Tiago Ilori from Paris St Germain and Sporting Lisbon respectively for a combined fee of £39 million and took Nigeria winger Victor Mo- ses on a season-long loan from Chelsea.

Out of the English top flight, Kaka heading back to AC Milan on a free transfer after four forgettable years at Real Madrid topped the list of notable transfers on deadline day.—Reuters

American Diana Nyad, 64, sets record with Cuba-to-Florida swim

NEW YORK, 3 Sept—American 64-year-old long-distance swimmer Diana Nyad became the first person to swim across the Florida Straits from Cuba to Florida, after a 53-hour swim and told onlookers: “We should never, ever give up… You never are too old to chase your dreams.”

In an inspiration to baby boomers everywhere, Nyad completed the estimated 110-mile (177-km) journey departing from Havana on Saturday morning. She set a record for the longest ocean swim without a shark cage or flippers, ac- cording to her crew.

She was met by crowds in Key West who surround- ed her, snapping photos, as they enjoyed sunny beach weather on the Labour Day holiday.

Helpers immediately placed Nyad on a stretcher and hydrated her with an IV before she was taken to a hospital.

Nyad had been trying to achieve the crossing for 35 years, describing it on her website as her “Extreme Dream,” and seemed deter- mined to prove The Bea- tes were right that there is plenty to live for “when I’m 64.”

“With all the experi- ence I have in this ocean, I never knew I would suffer the way I did,” Nyad told CNN in an interview.

American Diana Nyad (front R), 64, is welcomed ashore after completing her swim from Cuba as she arrives in Key West, Florida, on 2 Sept, 2013. —Reuters

Shock Federer loss dashes first Nadal meeting

NEW YORK, 3 Sept—Roger Federer suffered a shock loss to Tommy Robredo at the US Open on Monday, ruining the pros- pect of meeting Rafa Na- dal at the only grand slam where the two greats have never played each other.

In the biggest upset of the tournament, Robredo demolished a badly out-of-sorts Federer 7-6(3), 6-3, 6-4, in the fourth round, marking the first time in a decade the Swiss master has fallen before the quar- ter-finals at Flushing Mead- ows.

“I kind of feel like I beat myself, without tak- ing any credit away from Tommy,” a dejected Feder- er told reporters. “I kind of self destructed, which is very disappointing, espe- cially on a quickier court.”

It’s amazing,” Robredo said. “For me, Roger, for the moment, is the best player of all time.—Reuters

Bilbao’s Herrera caught up in hoax ‘United’ offer

LONDON, 3 Sept—Ath- letic Bilbao midfielder Ander Herrera’s proposed £47.5 million (30.5 mil- lion pounds) move to Manchester United turned out to be a hoax after three men attempting to broker a transfer were arrested on the 11th hour,” the BBC reported on the final day of the transfer window on Monday.

“Confirmation from Manchester United that three men who reportedly attempted to negotiate a deal to sign Ander Herrera were not acting on behalf of the Premier League champions and were... im- posters,” the BBC report added.

The Basque club last week rejected an offer from Manchester United that included a buyout clause.—Reuters

Real Madrid’s Mesut Ozil shoots towards the goal of Borussia Dortmund during their Champions League semi-final second leg football match at Santiago Berna- beu stadium in Madrid on 30 April, 2013.—Reuters
Nagoya city to survey all its public school students on bullying

NAGOYA, 3 Sept—The municipal government of Nagoya will conduct a survey later this year at all 386 city-run elementary and junior high schools to find out whether any students have friends or teachers whom they can open their hearts to and whether they have been bullied.

The move comes in the wake of the death of a 13-year-old student at a city-run junior high school who killed himself earlier this year.

The municipal education board has determined that the boy, who left a note saying he was “told to die by various people,” was highly likely to have been bullied.

In the survey, the city government will ask around 175,000 students if they have friends or teachers whom they can open their hearts to and whether they are happy with school life. The local government will allocate school counselors to schools found to have problems in the survey, the officials said.

It will cost 85 million yen for the survey in its fiscal 2013 supplementary budget.

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(Shamie Family) Eldest daughter of Late E.M
Esoof-Aisha Atcha
Cousin of late Chief Mutfi Mahmood Dawood Yusaf, late Mohamed, Ahmed Bahu (Shamie Confederation), late Dr S.A.Nalla (Canada-Halima (Karachi), Ahmed-Dr Aisha Esoof (US), Dr Timol-Hawa Esoof (UK), Hashim Bacchus (Scotland), Rahima Lei Lei Swe P.T (Singapore), Faruq Patali, Khalid Patali (Amir)
Gwen Moosa-Hafiza (Saud), Dr.Him Kyun (Malaysia) Dr. Aslam (Saud).
Dr. Saleem (Saud) Elder sister of Khadija, Fatima, (Hashim), (Hawa), Sara, Dr Ang Soe (Medical Superintend) Amina, Aunti of Myat Thu- Salma, Ubeida (Hallo
Mobile-Pathein) Grand Mother of Aisha Kay Zin Han, Abdullah-Sofie (Zaire-Africa), Mufti Sa-ad answered call of Almighty Allah at 06:20 hrs at No-6, 132 street Ma-u
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Australian F1 driver Ricciardo replaces Webber at Red Bull

SYDNEY, 3 Sept—Australian Formula One driver Daniel Ricciardo has been confirmed as Mark Webber’s replacement alongside triple world champion Sebastian Vettel at leading team Red Bull in 2014, local media reported on Tuesday.

The 24-year-old Toro Rosso racing team driver won the race for the coveted drive ahead of former world champion Kimi Räikkönen.

Webber, 37, has announced his retirement from Formula One to pursue a new career in sportscar racing. Red Bull team chief Christian Horner announced Ricciardo’s arrival on a multi-year deal next season in a statement.

“It’s fantastic to confirm Daniel as the team’s race driver for 2014,” he said. “He’s a very talented youngster, he’s committed, he’s got a great attitude and in the end it was a very logical choice for us to choose Daniel.”

“He’s got all the attributes that are required to drive for our team: he’s got a great natural ability, he’s a great personality and a great guy to work with,” Horner added.

“Daniel knows what the team expects from him; he’ll learn quickly and it’s very much a medium-to-long term view that we’re taking in developing him.”

Xinhua

Serena says wins determine who is greatest

NEW YORK, 3 Sept—Serena Williams enters this week’s US Open believing she cannot be considered the greatest of all time unless she wins the most major championships.

The most dominant player of her era, America’s world number one will meet Spain’s 18th-seeded Carla Suarez NAVARRO on the quarter-finals of the US Open on Tuesday.

The 31-year-old Williams has won 16 majors to trail Margaret Court (24), Steffi Graf (22), Helen Wills Moody (19), Chris Evert (18) and Martina Navratilova (18) on the all-time list.

“I go by the numbers,” Williams said. “I don’t think I’m the greatest, because Steffi has way more majors than me. I just go by what’s written down. I would not put me as the greatest. You still have Steffi and all those other women that have way more grand slams than me.”

Williams is a headline act of the US Open and arguably the most famous female athlete in the world. But she denied part of her mission against Suarez Navarro would be to entertain.

“I’m literally going out there to play, I’m not thinking about being a star,” she said. “I don’t go out there thinking like that.

“I just want to play tennis and I want to do really good at it. It’s not about the stage for me. It’s just about getting that ball in.”

The other quarter-final on Tuesday will place China’s fifth seed Li Na against 24th-seeded Russian Ekaterina Makarova.

The sound of 16 match between Azarenka, the second seed from Belarus, and Serbia’s 13th-seeded Ivanovic was postponed on Monday because of rain.

Reuters

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China supports Myanmar’s approach for perpetuation of sovereignty, stability and development

Nay Pyi Taw, 3 Sept—President U Thein Sein held talks with Premier of the State Council Mr Li Keqiang of the People’s Republic of China at Liyuan International Conference Hall in Nanning at 6 pm local time yesterday.

In the talks, they exchanged views on comprehensive strategic cooperation, ongoing process of implementation for promotion of partnership relations, further cooperation in rural development and poverty alleviation, enhancement of foreign investment, extended exportation of agricultural produce and fish and meat of Myanmar through regular trade, prospects of implementing Kyaukpyu Deep Sea-port and Special Economic Zone Projects, construction of Economic Corridor between India, Bangladesh, Myanmar and China, further cooperation in education, health and infrastructural sectors and China-ASEAN relations.

Chinese Premier Mr Li Keqiang reiterated that the People’s Republic of China supports a different approach adopted by Myanmar for ensuring perpetuation of sovereignty and stability and development of the nation.—MNA

Line of communication between Myanmar and Yunnan to be upgraded

Nay Pyi Taw, 3 Sept—President U Thein Sein received Governor of Yunnan Province Mr. Li Jigehen at Liyuan Resort at 12:00 pm LST today.

During the meeting, they frankly discussed more cooperation in Myanmar agricultural sector, promotion of rice, corn and fruits trade from border trade level to regular trade level, the Rule of Law in the border region and combating illegal extracting of logs and mining, upgrading of line of communication between Myanmar and Yunnan Province to contribute to India-Bangladesh-Myanmar-China economic corridor, marine administration in Ayeyawady River and tourism industry development.

At 12:40 pm, the President received PetroChina Company Limited Chairman Mr. Wang Dongjin and discussed progress of Myanmar-China natural gas pipelines, measures to be taken for uplifting socioeconomic status of the residents of the gas pipeline project area, and potentials to construct fertilizer plants, oil refinery and CNG plants in Myanmar including development tasks for Kyaukpyu.

At present, PetroChina Co Ltd has spent USD 20 million for socioeconomic development of the residents of the project area. The 50 per cent of workers of the project are Myanmar. Arrangements have been made to employ Myanmar workers up to 75 per cent in the coming two years. Now 60 Myanmar staff are receiving training in China under the programme of PetroChina.

Union FM returns from Special ASEAN-China Foreign Ministers’ Meeting

Nay Pyi Taw, 3 Sept—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin arrived back today after attending the Special ASEAN-China Foreign Ministers’ Meeting, held in Beijing, China, on 29 August.

The meeting was held in celebration of the 10th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership. It was co-chaired by Dr Surapong Tovichakchaikul, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand and Mr Wang Yi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of China. During the meeting, the Foreign Ministers of ASEAN and China discussed issues related to strengthening of cooperation between ASEAN and China.

The Union Minister pointed out the special relations existing between ASEAN and China and expressed Myanmar’s readiness to support China’s initiative to enhance the ASEAN-China Free Trade Area, and welcomed the plan to increase cultural exchange between ASEAN and China in 2014. He also stated that Myanmar will further promote ASEAN-China relations when it takes the Chairmanship in 2014.

Following the meeting, the Foreign Ministers of ASEAN called on Mr Li Keqiang, Premier of the State Council of China at the Great Hall of the People. They also had a meeting with Mr Yang Jiechi, State Councilor of China at Legendale Hotel, Beijing. In both meetings, the Chinese leaders mentioned the importance of China-ASEAN relations. Premier Li Keqiang emphasized the need to increase cooperation in economic and financial sectors.

In the evening, a reception in celebration of the 10th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership was held at Legendale Hotel. The reception was attended by Mr Yang Jiechi, State Councilor of China, Ministers of Foreign Affairs of ASEAN and China, ASEAN ambassadors to China, Senior Officials of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of ASEAN and China and other invited guests. Mr Yang Jiechi, State Councilor of China and Dr Surapong Tovichakchaikul, (See page 8)